



"For me, Bread Loaf has always been a magic mountain, a place where for eleven summer days, reading and writing and talking about poetry is the most important thing in the world."

Linda Pastan

"When I came to Bread Loaf as an unpublished neophyte, initially I felt as out of place as if I'd just fallen off the turnip truck. But that year I met teachers who helped me enormously. Later I also met my agent and the fellow writers who have become my best friends."

Andrea Barrett



"There is a notion, which has to do with the romantic hero image, that writing is pure genius, and you can't teach it. . . . Bread Loaf, in fact, has been going for a very long time and has a very good record of helping extremely talented writers to become solid artists."

JOHN GARDNER

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Kevin McIlvoy advises
Maureen Pilkington
on her manuscript.

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Director Michael
Collier in conference
with Hallie Smith.

Founded in 1926, Bread Loaf is the oldest writers' conference in the country. Every session, we welcome new Bread Loafers in the Little Theatre where, in 1928, Stephen Vincent Benét and Sinclair Lewis read from their work, and where, in 1945, Richard Wright introduced *Native Son* to a spell-bound audience. Faculty and students confer in front of the huge field-stone fireplace in the barn where the young Eudora Welty bent over *A Curtain of Green* with her mentor, Katherine Anne Porter. One can hike trails where Robert Frost habitually tramped, noting how birch trees "bend to left and right / Across the lines of straighter darker trees," or play tennis on the clay courts

where Theodore Roethke played against Randall Jarrell while W.H. Auden looked on from a deep green Adirondack chair.

Bread Loaf continues its rich literary and intellectual tradition by gathering a talented and diverse faculty — among them MacArthur fellows and winners of the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize — to work closely with developing writers. We invite you to experience the inspiration, the challenge, and the fun of Bread Loaf. It's a place to share manuscripts, get advice from experienced writers, and meet agents, editors, and the next generation of important writers.

THE PROGRAM

Writing workshops in fiction, poetry, and nonfiction are at the core of the curriculum. Each faculty member conducts a small workshop, most often of ten contributors, meeting for five two-hour sessions over the course of the Conference. All participants also meet individually with their workshop leaders to amplify and refine what was said in the workshop itself.

Faculty offer lectures on writerly issues and one-hour classes on specific aspects of craft. Readings by faculty and guests are scheduled in the Little Theatre throughout the day and into the night. Guests in publishing — editors and literary agents — present information and answer questions. They also meet with Bread Loafers in small groups.



John Elder leads a hike on Bread Loaf Mountain and discusses nature writing. The campus is located at the edge of the Green Mountain Forest.



Bread Loafers cheer each other on at a Blue Parlor Reading.

APPLICATIONS

■ You may apply to the Conference by submitting a writing sample along with an application form. You are also welcome to apply as an auditor and, in this case, need not submit a writing sample. There is no application fee. General contributor and auditor applications must be postmarked by April 19.

■ We offer three types of financial aid (fellowships, tuition scholarships, and work-study scholarships), based on published work and/or literary promise. Financial aid applications must be postmarked by March 1.

■ Conference fees: \$1,933 contributors; \$1,856 auditors. Includes room and board.

■ Please visit our web site or contact us for an application and informational brochure.

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LODGING AND MEALS

Bread Loafers are housed on the mountain campus of Middlebury College in Ripton, Vermont, in the Bread Loaf Inn and its cluster of cottages and buildings. Most rooms on campus are doubles and baths are shared. Meals are served in the dining room of the Inn. There's a well-stocked salad bar, and vegetarian options are available. There's also a snack bar in the Barn. A list of local rentals is available to those who prefer off-campus housing and meals.

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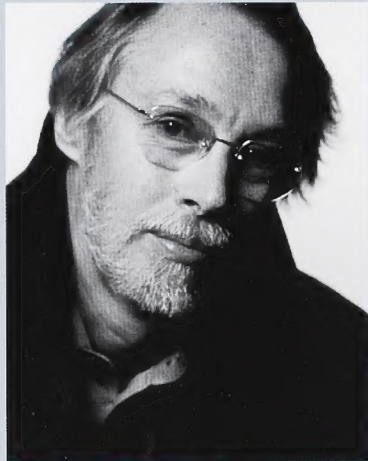
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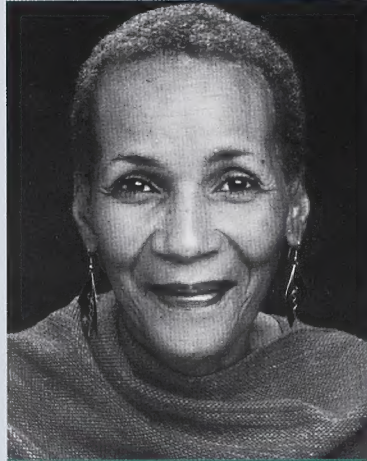
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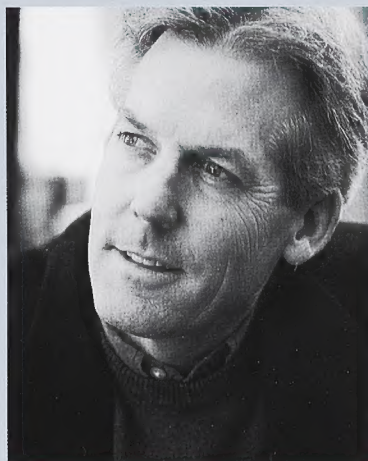
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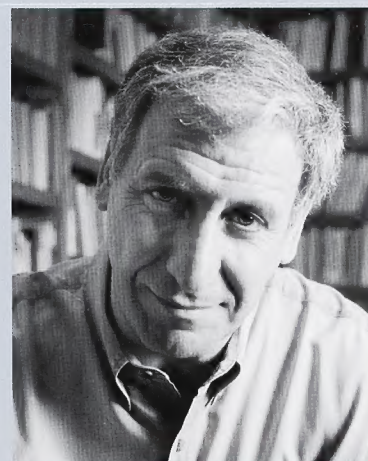
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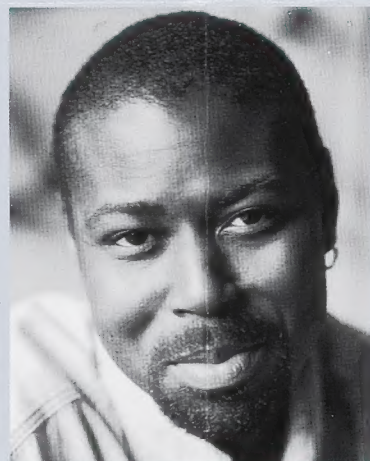
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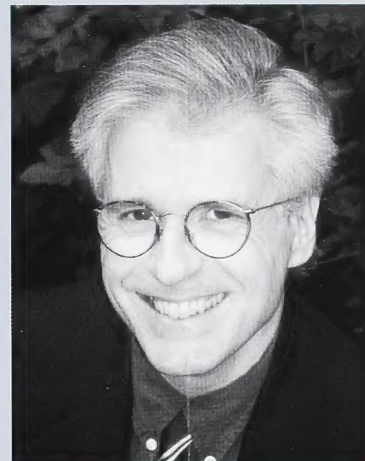
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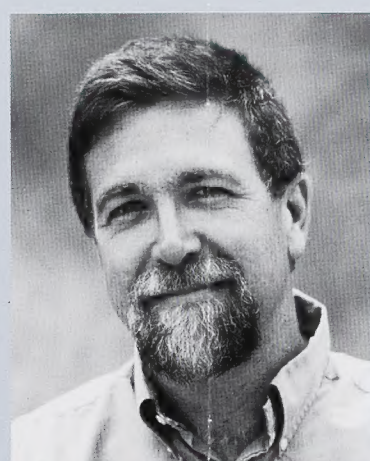
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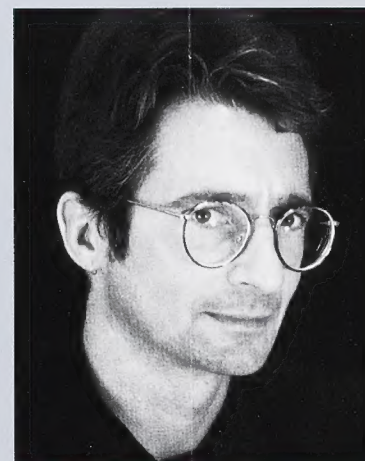
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Paula Fox, special guest

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